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SUBJECT: MOSCOW SIGNAL: STOESSEL'S FARWELLS

1. STOESSEL BEGINS HIS COURTESY FAREWELL CALLS NEXT WEEK AND WILL PROBABLY SEE GROMYKO ON WEDNESDAY THE 8TH. HE MAY BE SEEING BREZHNEV AND/OR PODGORNYY BUT NOTHING IS FIRM YET.

2. IN OUR PUBLIC AND PRIVATE STATEMENTS ON THE SIGNALS, WE HAVE INDICATED THAT AS A RESULT OF OUR DISCUSSIONS WITH THE SOVIETS THE INTENSITY HAS BEEN REDUCED BUT THAT WE ARE NOT SATISFIED WITH THE STATUSQUO AND CONTINUE TO PRESS FOR THE TERMINATION OF THESE TRANSMISSIONS. SOV HAS ASKED IF IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE FOR STOESSEL TO RAISE OUR CONTINUED CONCERN ON THIS ISSUE WITH GROMYKO, BREZHNEV OR PODGORNYY IN THE COURSE OF HIS FAREWELL CALLS.

3. I HAVE RAISED THE ISSUE WITH SONNENFELDT WHO THINKS IT
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IS A GOOD IDEA. BUD MCFARLAND RAISED IT WITH THE GENERAL

AND BILL HYLAND; NEITHER OF WHOM ARE PARTICULARLY
ENTHUSIASTIC.

4. I THOUGHT YOU MIGHT WANT TO RAISE THE ABOVE WITH THE
SECRETARY. PLEASE ADVISE. ROBINSON

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